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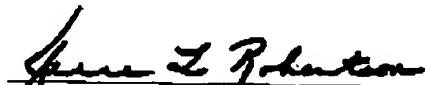
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to an Office Action restricting the claims of the application. The Office Action (paper #7) was dated October 8, 2002, and set a shortened statutory period of one month for the response.

I. Response to Restriction Requirement.

The Office Action dated October 8, 2002 and set forth a 4-way restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: Claims 1, 2-4 and 17-21, drawn to a method of treating or suppressing the symptoms of various disorders using a heterocyclic amine compound of the claimed formula (I);

Group II: Claims 1, 5-7 and 17-21 drawn to a method of treating or suppressing the symptoms of various disorders using a phenylazacycloalkane compound of the claimed formula (II);

Group III: Claims 1, 8-9 and 17-21, drawn to a method of treating or suppressing the symptoms of various disorders using a cabergoline of the claimed formula (III); and

Group IV: Claims 1, 10-12 and 22-25, drawn to a method of treating or suppressing the symptoms of various disorders using an aromatic bicyclic amine compound of the claimed formula (IV).

Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1, 2-4 and 17-21. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable notification thereof. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this response in further detail in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned representative at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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